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Thursday Fair.

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BIG REBATE CASES CAUSE OF DISCORD

Commerce Commission Dissatisfied With Wickersham's Procedure.

CONFERENCE TODAY OF VITAL INTEREST

Packers' Overvaluation of Meat Products Under a Hot Fire.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, whose powers are to be radically diminished by the Taft Administration, is dissatisfied with the manner in which Attorney General Wickersham treats the question of prosecutions for rebating.

This dissatisfaction became plainly manifest today when there was an important conference on at the Department of Justice to determine what changes are needed in the interstate commerce law, and also to map out the most satisfactory method for giving the administrative duties of the commission to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

President Taft, however, has sided with Mr. Wickersham in the case which dissatisfied the commission, and it is practically helpless.

The radical difference of opinion in the matter of prosecutions for rebating was disclosed today, and the fear has been expressed in certain quarters that the recent act of Attorney General Wickersham in abandoning the Federal investigation into the practice of Chicago beef packers overvaluing their products for the purpose of collecting damages from railroads in cases of injury or destruction, may partially paralyze the arm of the commission in strictly enforcing the railroad rate law.

No Criminal Intent.

By a striking coincidence, the opinion of the Attorney General, that the packers have been following a custom in overcharges that is clearly illegal, but presumably without criminal intent, comes just at the time when the commission is strongly inclined to suspect that the great increase in this practice of overcharges by shippers since the passage of the rate law is a new substitute to accomplish rebating by indirection.

It developed today that the commission has already formulated a plan to investigate what this increase in overvaluation means. More than a score of expert accountants have been selected for the work, and it is said that twenty or thirty more will be employed before many months. The idea is to have them go over the books of the railroad companies and make note of all cases of damage claims for products injured or destroyed. The commission believes that by such an inquiry it will be able to put its finger upon infractions of the law.

Information Withheld.

The commission is as much as an oyster as to the attitude of the Attorney General. Not only can it not be concealed that the new policy in such cases is in absolute contradiction to that of the previous Administration, but it has consistently maintained that no headway in enforcement of the law can be secured if the Government avows a policy of considering the amount of money involved in a rebate instead of dealing entirely with the question of whether the act itself is illegal.

Attorney General Wickersham, in the Chicago beef packers case, has made it clear that the act complained of is illegal, but explains that the Government has no desire to test whether there was criminal intent, because the practice of overvaluation was in vogue before the passage of the interstate commerce law, and for the further fact that the amount of money involved was slight compared to the total amount of money received by the railroad for transporting beef products.

It is believed that the Interstate Commerce Commission desired a test case made, in the hope that prosecution of the beef packers, even if unsuccessful, would act to discourage smaller shippers from the illegal practice of overvaluation. This whole case was gone into very fully by members of the commission during the last few months of the Roosevelt Administration, with the result that the district attorney at Chicago received imperative instructions to push the prosecution to the limit.

No Power in Law.

The commission makes it perfectly clear that it has no power under the law to fix the valuation of the commodities of shippers.

At the conference at the Department of Justice today, the Attorney General, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, former Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Customs and Excise, and Representative Townsend, who helped to frame the interstate commerce law as it now stands.

Nothing was given out to the press after the meeting and it was announced that another will be held in May.

WEATHER REPORT.

The disturbance of the present week has reached the Atlantic coast, and a small fragment over North Carolina has caused a persistence of the rain in the Atlantic States.

The weather will be generally fair tonight and Thursday in the East and South, with lower temperatures in the Atlantic States.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be moderate north to northeast, possibly brisk tonight.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Showers this afternoon, partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Thursday, fair, light to moderate northerly winds.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. 52
9 a. m. 53
10 a. m. 54
11 a. m. 55
Noon 56
1 p. m. 57
2 p. m. 58

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 6:27
Sun sets 6:30

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 2:22 a. m., 2:48 p. m.
Low tide today 8:43 a. m., 9:44 p. m.
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LATE DEVELOPMENTS IN D. A. R. CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, administration D. A. R. candidate, reached Washington today.

She asked if her personal appearance doesn't refute the claim of the "insurgents" that she is too old and physically incapacitated to preside over the society.

"I am not going to inject any personalities in the fight," she says, "I shall not accuse other candidates of being incapacitated. We will issue a statement later."

Mrs. William Cummings Story, opposing candidate for president general, is expected to arrive tomorrow. Both sides will campaign from the New Willard, probably on the same floor.

Mrs. Donald McLean, retiring president general, will arrive tomorrow morning and aid in Scott campaign.

LABOR DISCUSSES INSURANCE PLANS

Idea for Great Corporation to Handle Risks Appeals to Leaders.

The establishment of a great central corporation by the labor unions of the country to take over the insurance and benefit features of the various organizations was proposed at the meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today.

For two hours the meeting discussed the subject, which was suggested by Mr. Gerau, of Los Angeles. The idea is a gigantic life and benefit corporation with its vast revenues at the disposal of the labor organizations met with the approval of members of the council. Action was, however, deferred.

The legislative committee was directed to make every effort to have incorporated in the census bill a provision for the enumeration of the unemployed at the time of taking the census.

It was also voted to work for the printing of the official census report at the Government Printing Office.

SHOOTS AT GIRL, TAKES OWN LIFE

Boston Broker, Desperate at Rejection, Tries to Kill Sweetheart.

BOSTON, April 14.—Stung to desperation by rejections by his sweetheart, Alan Molloy Fay, aged twenty-eight, of the stock brokerage firm of Sewell & Fay, of Boston, early today fired four shots at Josephine Alberts and then shot himself through the mouth, dying on the way to the hospital.

Miss Alberts was uninjured.

DEAD AND INJURED IN STORM'S WAKE

Woman Killed in Pittsburg—Traffic on Ohio River Is Demoralized.

PITTSBURGH, April 14.—One dead and several injured is the record of the big storm in Pittsburg. Miss Mildred Fell was killed by a falling wall and three other persons were badly injured in the same accident.

The wind was at the rate of fifty-two miles an hour for a short time. Great damage was done to property.

River Traffic Broken.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 14.—The sale of the upper Ohio was the worst in years. Many small craft have been lost and the big steamers Queen City and Virginia were set adrift with the wharf boat. They were saved with difficulty.

MANY GUESTS SAVED AS FAMOUS INN BURNS

The Kenilworth at Ashville, N. C., Almost Completely Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze—Firemen Make Thrilling Rescues.

ASHVILLE, N. C., April 14.—Many heroic rescues attended the destruction by fire this morning of Kenilworth Inn. Although the house was full of guests, many being tourists from the North, stopping here on their return from Florida, the guests were saved.

Striking the roof of a portico, he rolled to the ground. He was picked up badly hurt and taken to Biltmore Hospital. Fire Chief S. G. Bernard was burned about the face carrying a woman downstairs. Policeman O'Connell was also injured by leaping from an upper window after he had passed a woman to safety.

The hotel, built at a cost of \$250,000, was almost completely destroyed, and the loss will be considerable also to the guests. The hotel was partly covered by insurance.

At 2 o'clock in the morning the guests were aroused by the ringing of the fire alarm through the hotel corridors. The blaze, which started in the boiler room, gained rapid headway, and in a comparatively short time half-clad men and women were rushing through the smoke-filled structure to the open air.

Many guests who remained behind to dress or to save valuables had narrow escapes. A dozen were trapped in their rooms, and were saved only by leaping into blankets held by the firemen. Several others were carried down ladders.

The James leaped through the four-story structure, which is modeled after Kenilworth castle in Scotland, and the scene was spectacular in the extreme. Located on a high hill adjoining Biltmore, the blazing structure resembled a huge torch. Vanderbilt's Biltmore house was illuminated, and a storm of flying embers was sent over the village. It was almost daylight before the fire was under control.

One unfortunate feature of the fire is the fact that several large conventions were slated to be held there later in the spring. There is considerable speculation here as to what arrangements will be made.

MRS. SCOTT LOCATES HER HEADQUARTERS

Administration Candidate for D. A. R. Head Arrives in Capital.

PROPOSES TO ISSUE STATEMENT LATER

Leader of the Opposition Is Expected Tomorrow or Friday.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, administration candidate for president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to succeed Mrs. Donald McLean, reached Washington this morning from Bloomington, Ill., and has opened headquarters at the New Willard Hotel. Mrs. Scott was in conference during the morning with Mrs. Amos G. Draper, registrar general of the society, and others who belong to what is known as the McLean faction. Every moment between now and the opening of the annual convention on Monday next will be devoted to strengthening the support of Mrs. Scott.

"I shall issue a statement later," said Mrs. Scott today, "but for the present I am not discussing the race between myself and Mrs. William Cummings Story, of New York, except to say that personally we intend to keep the relations between all the Daughters pleasant. The fight is a political one."

"Does Mrs. Scott look as though she were physically and mentally incapacitated for administering the affairs of 'the society'?" asked Mrs. Draper of the interviewers recalling amusingly the recent platform promulgated by the "insurgents" in which the administration candidate was pictured as being too old to assume the duties of office. The platform also intimated that in consideration of this fact Mrs. Draper would really be the power behind the throne.

Stands Test.

"Yes, do I?" asked Mrs. Scott, smiling, and drawing herself up to her full height, to the admiration of the administration followers in the room. Everybody was obliged to admit that Mrs. Scott could wield a gavel with full effect if she is elected. In appearance she is stately, robust for her years, agreeable but firm in her manner, and without would present a striking appearance both as a woman and a presiding officer.

Mrs. Scott wore a look of optimism, and although she would not allow herself to be interviewed concerning her expectations, it was evident that she is confident of the "insurgent" opposition and is not troubled by the claims of the opposing faction. In fact she asked those about her if she looked troubled, and again the question was its own answer.

Mrs. William Cummings Story, candidate of the insurgent faction, looked disappointed at the administration standpoint, and of the "conservative" faction, looked from their own viewpoint. Mrs. Story is expected to arrive in Washington tomorrow or Friday. She, too, will have a busy day at the New Willard, and from the same hotel the campaign will be fought to a finish.

Mrs. McLean Expected.

Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the order, who will assist in every way possible to elect Mrs. Scott as her successor, will reach Washington probably tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Scott both impressed the fact this morning that it was desired to eliminate personalities from this fight. They would discourage, they said, any attempts to inject personal feeling in the campaign.

Mrs. Scott said: "It is not my intention to refer to my opponent as being incapacitated in any way from administering the affairs of the society. She is an excellent woman and we are friends. I am sure that our fight will be political and not personal."

Following Mrs. Sherman's reception, the various chapters of the District will give a reception to all the visiting delegates at the New Willard Saturday night.

Declines To Run.

For unexplained reasons, Mrs. John H. Walworth, nominated by the administration, declines to run.

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SCENE OF TURK REVOLT; NEW VIZIER



GALATA BRIDGE,
Across the Golden Horn Lie Galata and Pera.

TAFT ON THE WAY TO YALE MEETING

President and Family in New York Tonight—To Return Friday.

President and Mrs. Taft left for New York at 12:30 p. m. today in the private car Magnot, attached to the regular Pennsylvania train leaving at that hour. Accompanying the President and Mrs. Taft were Miss Helen Taft, Robert Taft, Howard Taft, the President's nephew; Arthur Ferguson, Miss Morgan, and Messrs. Egan and Bingham, college friends of Robert.

The car used by the President on this trip is the coach made famous by President Roosevelt, who traveled many thousands of miles in its comfortable quarters.

President and Mrs. Taft will be members of a theater party given by Henry W. Taft, the President's brother, this evening. Tomorrow Mrs. Taft will spend most of the day shopping in New York. While the President journeys to New Haven to attend a special meeting of the Yale corporation.

PRESIDENT TO LIVE AT BEVERLY, MASS.

Definitely Decides on Bay State Cottage as His Country Home.

It was officially announced at the White House today that the President's summer home will be the Robert B. Evans cottage at Beverly, Mass., which is about thirty miles north of Boston. It is on Beverly Cove of Salem bay, and is seven miles from Manchester-by-the-Sea.

The cottage has been leased for one season. It is understood, with the privilege of renewing the lease for three years more.

The most important thing for the President is to be near good golf links, and in this instance he will have one of the best courses in the country. The Tafts will leave Washington and go to Beverly as soon as Congress adjourns, which is expected to be about June 1.

PATTEN TO GET OUT OF WHEAT MARKET

King of Grain Pit Says He Will Sell His Big Line of Cereal.

CHICAGO, April 14.—James A. Patten, so-called "King of the World," today announced his intention of getting out of the present market and closing out his long line of wheat.

"MAN OF MYSTERY" HELD IN BIG BOND

Frederick Foster Is Arraigned on Three Charges of False Pretenses.

Frederick Foster, the "man of mystery," was arraigned in the Police Court this morning on three charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. He commanded a jury trial in two of the cases and was held in \$1,000 bond for the action of the grand jury in the third case. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$500 in each of the two other cases, making it necessary for Foster to put up \$2,500 to gain his liberty.

Foster claimed to have a wealthy aunt who has deposited \$5,000 to his credit in a bank in Lebanon, Tenn. He was arrested here for not paying a taxicab bill and for giving what is alleged to have been a worthless check.



TEWFIK PASHA.
Called To Head Ministry.

STRIKE WIDENING INTO REVOLUTION BY MORNING FIRE

All Toolers in Meru, France, Apparatus From Cleveland Saves Town in Ohio.

MERU, France, April 14.—The officials of the General Federation of Labor arrived here today to take charge of the button-makers' strike, which it is freely admitted is no longer a labor struggle, but a real revolutionary outbreak.

In order to prove their strength, for the benefit of the French people, as a whole, and to show, as they assert, that the workers "are no longer slaves," the labor officials have directed that a twenty-four-hour strike be inaugurated in every industry here.

This began this morning, and the response was all that the labor leaders wanted. So serious is the situation that the prefect of police has telegraphed Paris that more troops are needed. He admits that he has grave doubts of the loyalty of the men under arms in the local barracks.

The officials of the federation who arrived here this morning are in consultation at labor headquarters. They openly assert that the button manufacturers must yield at once to the demands of their employees, otherwise a strike that will be country-wide in its proportions, will be ordered.

"We called the twenty-four-hour strike today," declared one of the leaders, "merely as a warning to the plutocrats and to show them just how strong our organization is. We are going to win, and if it becomes necessary, will have no hesitation in extending the strike to all industries in France."

Up to the present time, there have been no disorders, but the feeling is tense, and clashes between the strikers and the troops are feared.

ELYRIA SCORCHED BY MORNING FIRE

land Saves Town in Ohio.

ELYRIA, Ohio, April 14.—Fire that started here early today for a time threatened the whole town and caused \$150,000 damage before it was extinguished. It destroyed the Elyria block and the American Theater, and badly damaged the Andover Hotel, the Elyria Bank, and the Bell telephone exchange. The fire started in the Elks' clubroom on the fifth floor of the Elyria block, and was well under way before discovered. The local fire department asked aid from Cleveland, thirty miles away, and apparatus from that city arrived in time to keep the flames from spreading.

Rochester Recovering.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 14.—With three hundred families homeless, many of them wandering aimlessly through the streets where their homes stood yesterday, the city is today exerting every effort to repair a little of the damage done by yesterday's fire. Forty residences, several stores, one business block, and three churches were destroyed, entailing a loss of over \$500,000.

TAFT REMITS FINE TO RELIEVE WIDOW

Upon recommendation of the Attorney General, President Taft today remitted the fine of \$5,000 recently imposed on F. L. Pomeroy, freight traffic manager of the New York Central railroad, for rebating. Pomeroy died shortly after the imposition of the fine. His widow, it is said, was not left in affluent circumstances.

It is to aid her that the Pomeroy estate is to be relieved from the burden of the fine.

PROUD SINGER SAVED FROM PAUPER'S GRAVE

Mrs. Blanche O'Neil, Once Well Known on Grand Opera Stage, Found Starving and Destitute in a Hotel, Without Friends.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 14.—Too proud to ask for aid and seeking to the very last to hide her destitute condition, Mrs. Blanche O'Neil, once a singer in grand opera, has been taken from a hotel at Briggs Corners, Mass., and today is at the point of death in St. Joseph's Hospital here.

For over ten years Mrs. O'Neil received a salary of \$175 a week in grand opera. When, after two marriages, she tried to get engagements her voice had gone, and with it went all opportunities to improve her condition.

But she retained her pride, and decided to starve with her identity unknown. It was not until the police interfered that friends could prevail upon her to accept aid.

Supports Constitution.

Tewfik Pasha is trying to reassure the people by the declaration that the constitution is inviolable, and that there is no thought of abrogating it.

It is expected that the new ministry will adopt a compromise between the anarchistic absence of government favored by the Young Turks and the idea of absolutism. The liberals will demand not only a readjustment of the country's financial affairs, but better protection of the Mohammedan religion, the growing disregard of which was one of the chief causes of the uprising.

Seized Committee Officers.

The multimillionaire, as the first move, yesterday, seized all the officers of the Committee of Union and Progress and held them prisoners. Only a few of the troops refrained from taking part in the demonstration, which extended to the Galata, Pera and Stamboul districts.

SULTAN REGAINING POWER IN TURKEY; TROOPS ARE QUIET

Abdul Hamid Profits by New Revolution to Reach for Old Control.

YOUNG TURKS FLY FROM THE CAPITAL

Not Expected to Make Successful Stand—Whole Nation in Disorder.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via Philippopolis, Bulgaria, April 14.—The new war minister, Edhem Pasha, appointed yesterday to succeed Ahmed Pasha Riza, succeeded today in getting the mutinous regiment of the First army corps to return to their barracks. The action has resulted in a temporary quiet being restored, but the situation is far from relieved.

A new danger has developed in the military opposition to Tewfik Pasha. Hilmi Pasha's successor as grand vizier. As long as this opposition continues, Tewfik Pasha will be unable to re-establish even a semblance of a stable government.

Sultan Regains Power.

Though Edhem Pasha and Tewfik Pasha are nominally in control of the situation, the real ruler is Abdul Hamid, the Sultan, who is working through the League of Mohammed. He is rapidly assuming his old grasp on the empire, and it is feared that if he is completely re-established he will wreak terrible vengeance on the Liberals, who are fighting against a return to absolutism. The abolition of the constitution is one of the possibilities of the immediate future.

Leaders of the Young Turks are now in flight toward Salonika, where they will organize and make a desperate attempt to regain their power.

Young Turks Weakened.

The loss of their control of the army, however, and the recent development of gross corruption in their ranks have greatly weakened their cause, and it is not believed they will be able to make a formidable movement, at least not until the present development has run its course.

The Young Turks have sworn to kill the Sultan if he swings too far to the opposition, a threat that those who know the daring of the Young Turks do not doubt that they will carry out.

Wild rumors spread through the city today that the Sultan had been killed by agents of the Young Turks. No confirmation of this is obtainable, and the report is discredited.

Sultan Venerated.

The religious phase of the uprising favors the Sultan, as he is the head of the Church, and, as such, is venerated by the people despite the widest political differences. Despite this, the Hamidian dynasty is recognized as being extremely insecure, owing to the fact that it is dependent at present on the whim of an army that is not efficiently officered nor under control.

There is great danger of the fanatical Mohammedans taking advantage of the disorder to wage another warfare on the Christians. A reign of blood would follow such a warfare, as the Christians, including vast numbers of Armenians, are armed and able to put up a desperate resistance.

Fully sixty persons have been slain since the present trouble began, among the number being Minister of Justice Nazim Pasha and Deputy Emir Arslan.

Cabinet in Hiding.

Nearly all of the members of the former cabinet are in hiding. The multimillionaire are demanding the execution of Hilmi Pasha and Ahmed Riza, but these former leaders are under cover and cannot be found.

Another dark aspect of the situation is the private feuds and endless murders that are sure to result from the overthrow of the Young Turks, who know but one way to avenge themselves, and that by secret assassinations.

While the trouble is not of an anti-foreign character, the foreign residents of the city are fearful for their lives on account of the general confusion. All the foreign powers have instructed their consuls to protect the lives of the people under their charge.

Uprisings Reported.

Reactionary uprisings are reported today in Aleppo, Damascus, Uskub, Dibra, and practically throughout all Albania. The government officers are in a state of such wild excitement that none of these reports can be verified.

It is also reported that Russia is seizing the opportunity to begin an advance across the Persian frontier.

It is expected that Tewfik Pasha will be able to announce the personnel of the new cabinet within a few hours. Aside from Ahmed Pasha, the new minister of war, the only appointment so far confirmed is that of Rifat Pasha, who will continue as the minister of foreign affairs.

The selection of Tewfik Pasha and Ahmed Pasha is wholly satisfactory to the liberals.

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